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Web-Based Permitting Now Available

The City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County are pleased to announce that web-based permitting will be available to citizens of the region beginning June 2002. The new web-based permitting will make issuing permits easier from either jurisdiction.

By simply filling out the application on-line, or by entering a permit number or address, customers can now apply for a permit, check the status of permit applications, see general project descriptions, review the list of approved project items, and examine inspection or plan review records.

According to William V. Langevin, R.A., C.B.O., Director of the City's Department of Buildings and Inspections, "web-based permitting has been a goal for the Department of Buildings and Inspections since the creation of our web site." During 2001 and 2002, work has progressed toward the implementation of this goal. City (www.cintibuildings.org) and County (www.hamilton-co.org/hcbi) have had building inspection web sites for several years. The EZ Track Permit site, implemented in 2001, was also developed through a partnership between the City of Cincinnati, Hamilton County, and the Cincinnati Geographic Information System (CAGIS). Tonia Edwards, Hamilton County's Building Commissioner, points to the permitting system's ability to "seamlessly" shift between City and County systems. "The system is very user-friendly. All the user needs to do is put in the address and the system will put them in the correct jurisdiction."

This first-phase of this project allows on-line access to track the status of permit applications, required inspections, plan review and now it will be possible to apply for permits as well. Future phases will build on this foundation to allow on-line access to schedule a building inspection, and voice a community concern.

Hamilton County Administrator, David Krings states, "It has been a goal of Hamilton County to make government services available via the Internet to the citizens of this region. This is a big step towards reaching that goal." County Commission President Tom Neyer, Jr. stated, "The City and County have worked hard to enhance services. We will continue to strive to bring more and better services to citizens on the web."

"This is just one more way the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County are making it easier for the citizen, builder, developer, and design professional to complete their construction project," stated Valerie A. Lemmie, City Manager. "Web-based permitting is an outward sign of the progress that is being made to enhance service to the citizens of Cincinnati through the application of new technology and the restructuring of the permitting processes among the various City Departments," stated Mayor Luken.

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